



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K Division – 2022/02/19 20:00

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

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BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- There was relatively little discussion on social media today (2022/02/19) regarding events taking place in Alberta, including the convoy to the Alberta legislature and the ongoing protest camp at Milk River. Attention appears to be focused on the events in Ottawa **and the Tuesday convoy to Edmonton for the Thrones Speech.**
- **Personal** was scheduled to appear at the Slow Roll in Fairview today. At the time of writing, it is not known if he made an appearance. **There was a comment on the Slow Roll Fairview Facebook page stating "Pers. is coming back in a couple weeks." No information was located to indicate that he ended up attending.**
- Facebook user **Personal** has created a group called "Coutts Border Crew". **Personal** does not list a location, but previously posted from Ottawa protests. **Person** regularly goes live on Facebook and posted from the Milk River camp on 2022/02/18. On 2022/02/19 at 09:45 **Personal** started a Facebook live from what appears to be the Milk River camp, stating that he was going to speak at the rally in Edmonton today to talk about what he saw when he was in Ottawa.
- The "Throne Speech Convoy" to the Alberta Legislature, at 12:00 on 2022/02/22, appears to be gaining traction. It has now been shared on multiple Facebook pages and groups. One group that regularly plans protests urged people "Bring your families, friends and children. Plan your own convoy." There is a convoy being organized to attend from the Fort McMurray area. **Persona**

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Personal one of the self-appointed spokespersons for the Milk River protest, posted last night that "Coutts truckers have announced that most of them will be heading here-details will follow" in regards to the Throne Speech convoy. As of 15:30, only one person commented and she has not provided any further details.

- **Personal Info.** stated in a live Facebook video on 2022/02/19 that they are planning to go to Edmonton for the Throne Speech and encouraged others to do the same. They mentioned they were planning to head to Edmonton on Monday evening and that they would join a larger group.
- There is discussion on various social media platforms about counter-protesting the legislature convoy and attempting to block it in and around Edmonton, however no concrete events were located.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division (after 2022/02/19) affecting the following areas:
 - All detachments that will have a "Throne Speech Convoy" running through them on the way to Edmonton
 - Okotoks
 - Grande Prairie
 - Spruce Grove
 - Detachments located along Highway 1 from BC to Saskatchewan

Grande Prairie Slow Roll Convoy and Freedom Glow Party

Date: 2022/02/27	Time: Slow Roll: Gather at 09:15 and head out at 10:00 Glow Party: 17:00-21:00
Meeting location: Petro Canada West for the Slow Roll, old Canadian Tire parking lot for the Glow Party	
Detachment(s) affected: Grande Prairie	

A slow roll convoy is planned for Grande Prairie, leaving the Petro Canada West at 10:00. The poster states that trailers are not allowed, but semi-trucks are welcome. The intended route appears to be travelling south on 116 Street to the southern edge of the city, then east on 68 Avenue, north on 92 Street and then back west on 116th Avenue. That evening, a "freedom glow party" is planned to take place at the old Canadian Tire parking lot. The poster states it will be family friendly and no alcohol permitted. **No OSINT update.**

Salmon Arm to Ottawa Convoy

Date: 2022/02/19 - 2022/02/20	Time: 12:00
Meeting location: Salmon Arm, BC	
Detachment(s) affected: Detachments adjacent to Highway 1	

Event by "Freedom Daisy" on Facebook, attributed to **Personal Info.** This convoy is scheduled to leave Golden, BC at 16:30, to arrive in Calgary at 20:00, and to spend the night in Medicine Hat, continuing



east on 2022/02/20. The Freedom Daisy page has 24 followers and there is limited engagement with the posts related to this event. **No OSINT update.**

Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks	
Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks	

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children. **No OSINT update.**

Spruce Grove Rally

Date: 2022/02/20 – Recurring on Sundays	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: The Big Greenhouse, Spruce Grove	
Detachment(s) affected: Spruce Grove	

Word Campfire Initiative is hosting the recurring rally on Sundays till the mandates are over. It is supposed to be a peaceful gathering with speakers and performances. **At the protest in Edmonton on 2022/02/19, one of the speakers, believed to be Personal Info., invited protestors to attend the Spruce Grove rally tomorrow. The speaker advised that the location was supposed to be at Central Park but they could not get a permit in time so it will be at The Big Greenhouse on Highway 16A.**

Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22	Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00 for the 13:00 throne speech
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta	

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, there is no confirmed indication of a large attendance; however, it is advisable to be prepared based on departures from Coutts and negative sentiment towards government. This event will continue to be monitored over the weekend and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Posters for this convoy have been shared to other groups. The individual posting to other groups is often **Personal Info.** **Personal Info.** A newer version of the post states that groups and Albertans should meet out MLAs



and staffers as they walk to assembly and to honk, honk, honk during the 13:00 throne speech. Foothills Freedom Rally, which organizes protests in Okotoks every Sunday, has shared a new version of the event poster which encourages people to plan their own convoys and attend the legislature.

The page "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" has created an event for a convoy from Fort McMurray to attend the throne speech. The group will depart the Tim Hortons at Mackenzie Boulevard and Highway 63 at 06:00 on 2022/02/22. The poster on this page suggests an arrival in Edmonton of 12:00 for a 15:00 throne speech. The page also indicated in one of the comments that something may be planned in Fort McMurray at the courthouse on 2022/02/22. There are several shares of a poster for the Throne Speech Convoy on the "Red Deer Freedom Rally" Facebook page.

Personal Info. [REDACTED] stated in their live videos from 2022/02/18 and 2022/02/19 that they plan to be in Edmonton on Tuesday for the throne speech. They stated they may head to Edmonton on Monday evening.

Protest from Home

Date: 2022/02/21-2022/02/28	Time: None
Meeting location: None	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for walk outs from everywhere in Canada	

Posts previously began on truckers' Facebook pages, but have recently been gaining a little traction and have been asking everyone to join. The posts state to "Shut it Down" and "Protest from Home." On post states "Call in sick, hurt your ankle, use vacation time or just use the magic virus." No OSINT update.

Other Information

A post on Facebook from the morning of 2022/02/17 stated that there were approximately 60 people in the Lawful Protest Zone (LPZ) in Coutts and also stated "lots more are coming down." **Personal Info.** posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" that **Personal Info.** will be collecting donations for Milk River and heading there from Onoway at 04:00 on Saturday, 2022/02/19. It is not clear if this is an event or a single person travelling alone.

Personal Info. one of the Fort McMurray Supply Convoy participants, posted a video on the Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray Facebook page at approximately 18:00 on 2022/02/19 that truckers had started arriving to a regroup location outside of Ottawa. **Person** stated that they were about 5 hours away from the location. In an earlier post **Person** reported that they were in Quebec.



LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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